

Timely Tidbits ...

“Spooktacular” Party

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is inviting the entire family to attend its Spooktacular party, to be held in Historic Park (Hunt Street south of Goddard) on Saturday, October 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. (rain date: October 25). The event will feature a parade, costume contests, crafts, and goodies.

Cost is \$5 per adult/child couple plus \$3 per additional child. Preregister by Tuesday, October 20.

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Call 734-374-3906 for info.

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Chamber Hosts Lunch; “Meet the Candidates”

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is inviting the public to attend its “Meet the Candidates” and monthly luncheon programs.

“Meet the Candidates” – a free event that will give voters a chance to talk informally, one-on-one, with those running for local offices – will be held at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline) on Thursday, October 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Chamber’s next business luncheon – set for noon on Tuesday, October 20, at Best Western (9191 Wickham) – will feature guest speaker Linda Clark of the U.S. Census Bureau. Cost is \$15 for members; \$18 for nonmembers. Walk-ins will be limited; reservations are suggested.

Visit www.romuluschamber.org or call 734-893-0694 for info. □

Taylor’s Mayoral, Clerk Candidates Address Issues



Jeffrey P. Lamarand



Cameron G. Priebe



Erin H. Dobbins



Mary Ann Riley

To help voters decide whom they will support in the City of Taylor general election on November 3, *the little paper* distributed a questionnaire to the candidates for mayor (see below) and clerk (see page 11).

Altogether, the mayoral candidates were asked for *specific* responses to five questions, some of which were deliberately general in subject matter to give everyone a chance to focus on the issues of their choice. Personal data was also solicited to give voters some idea about each candidate’s background, experience, and knowledge of/dedication to the community.

The questions were:

1. Everyone understands that a candidate’s campaign platform is composed of many planks, but what *single issue* is your *top priority* as you seek election as Mayor of the City of Taylor? Why is it so important to you, and what do you plan to do to promote it, if elected?
2. If the City is forced to address the issue of additional budget cuts in the next four years, in what areas/departments do you believe those cuts should be made? What areas/departments must be protected from cuts at all costs?
3. In light of reduced tax revenue and State revenue sharing, how will you maintain current City services?
4. What *single* project should be the City’s next *major* development or improvement? How should it be funded?
5. What makes you the *best* person for the job?

To avoid the appearance of giving any one preferential treatment, the responses are arranged alphabetically by last name.

Jeffrey Lamarand

Age: 40

Education: Master of Arts, Educational Administration, Central Michigan University (2003); Bachelor of Science, Physical Education;

Eastern Michigan University (1996); Taylor Center High School (1987)

Occupation: high school teacher, Crestwood School District, Dearborn Heights, MI; Taylor City Councilman

Military Service: N/A

Community service performed in the past 12 months: served as a member of the City Council, Tax Increment Finance Authority, and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Number of years as a Taylor resident: 33

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QUESTION #1 (top priority)

The single most important issue in this campaign is to control spending. The City of Taylor has lost sight of the purpose that its government is supposed to serve. For too long, the local officials in Taylor have used the hard-earned money of its taxpayers to take care of themselves, their friends, and their campaign supporters. Our tax dollars are recklessly spent on erroneous projects that serve minimal benefit to those footing the bill. By controlling spending, we can get a leg up on many key elements that are important to our community (i.e., taxes, infrastructure).

The first step in controlling spending is to lead by example; that’s why I’ll push to have the Compensation Commission lower the mayor’s pay by 10%-15%. Then I’ll seek professionals to fill management positions at the market rate. Currently, this City acts like Wall Street; all the top people are making \$100,000 and driving around in City-paid vehicles, while citizens struggle to pay their tax bill. That alone will have a significant impact on the budget, but I will not stop there. I’ll evaluate projects and

spending, lay out five- and ten-year capital improvement plans, and challenge department heads to define their needs and how much it will cost to provide services. This will enable us to budget based on results.

For at least 30 years, this City has just spent every dime it could get its hands on with little regard to the future. As mayor, I’ll bring that practice to an end and get control of spending.

QUESTION #2 (budget cuts)

The City was forced to address budget cuts many years ago; unfortunately, we’ve been riding on past sales of land, cell towers, etc., and increasing our general budget dependence on TIFA and other special funds. Now, as those one-time revenue streams are drying up, we are going to be faced with an urgent need to make drastic budget adjustments. In this case, *all* non-essential departments will be required to engage in some serious belt-tightening. Regrettably, the taxpayers of this city have been faced with such decisions over the last six or seven years; it’s about time their government joined them.

There are three areas that I believe need to be protected at all cost: police, fire, and senior services. Societies were formed and governments created primarily to protect the interests of their citizens, and it’s vital that we maintain municipal control of our emergency services. This provides accountability to those who are paying for the service. Any talk of privatizing these services would be irresponsible to your community’s taxpayers. The interests of our community would not be served to have a private company solely handle these services when they are only accountable to profit margins. Also, senior services only represent 1/2 of 1% of our current budget. We must find a way to maintain these services for those who have helped build our tax base and have paid into it for so long.

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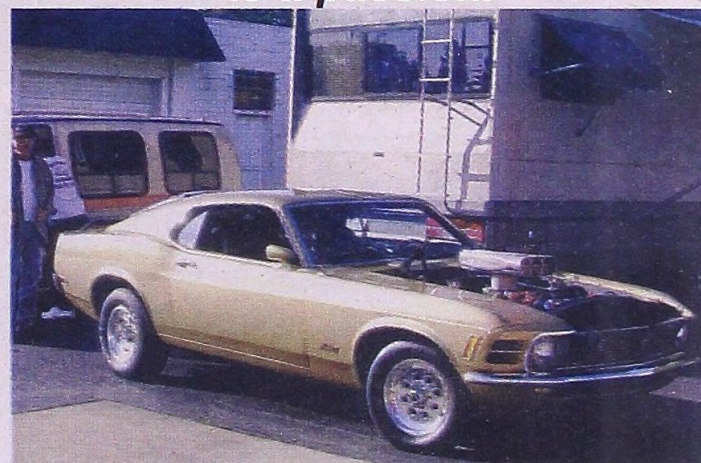
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Guest Commentary

Voting Is the Voice of Our Community

By Mayor Alan R. Lambert, City of Romulus

Recently, more than 2,500 votes were cast in the primary election in Romulus. Thank you to everyone who came out to vote on Election Day. Also, a big thank you goes to the Clerk's Office and all of our election workers for their hard work and professionalism in conducting the election, and the DPW employees who work so hard getting everything prepared at the polls.

Please remember to **vote on Tuesday, November 3**, and encourage your family and friends to do the same. If anyone asks "Why bother?" let's remind them: We vote because we care about our community. We vote to give us a direct say in our city government. We vote because we want each and every voice to be heard. We vote because we have children, nieces, or nephews, and want to set an example so they too become interested in participating in our government when the time comes. We vote because – in these United States – we can!

It is up to us to decide who will be our leaders, just like we did in last year's presidential election. Historically, presidential elections have brought the most voters to the polls in Romulus, yet we must remember also to cast our ballots in city elections. Believe it or not, local elections are just as

important. Locally elected officials make all sorts of decisions that directly affect your life. The mayor, clerk, treasurer, and city council are "hired" by you (through votes) to decide how our tax dollars are spent and what services we provide. Local elections can have an even more immediate and personal effect on us, our quality of life, and our community.

Abraham Lincoln called democracy "government of the people, by the people, for the people." Those strong words found in the Gettysburg Address mean that we are not here to serve our government, but that our government is here to serve us. As individuals, we have the right to decide who will serve our community, the manner in which we will be represented through their efforts, and in what direction they will take our community. Those decisions are ours to make this fall. As a community, we will reflect the decisions we have made regarding the future of Romulus by the simple act of voting. These decisions will impact us and generations to come, so our participation is essential as the backbone of our community.

We are truly blessed that our forefathers granted us one of the greatest gifts any nation (or community) can have – the right to vote. □

Letters to the Editor

Pumpkin Fest Volunteers, Sponsors Thanked

To the Editor:

The 13th annual Pumpkin Festival was by far our largest festival to date. What a great weekend in the City of Romulus! As Co-Chairperson of the Pumpkin Festival Committee, I would like to thank the following organizations and volunteers for their dedication to the festival:

Our business sponsors, which include the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, the City of Romulus, U.S. Park, Qwik Park, Airlines Parking, E.Q. Romulus, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Juliann's Coney Island, ReyMart Asphalt Co., Waste Management, Streamco Inc., Technical Logistic Corp., Public Service Credit Union, Special Tree Rehabilitation, A&A Oil Change, and Dave's Barber Shop.

Our local organizations and volunteers include the Romulus Rotary for their wonderful "Parade of Lights" with the assistance of the Civil Air Patrol, the Car Show volunteers, the Tractor Show volunteers, the Dog Disc Competition volunteers, the Punkin' Chuckin' volunteers, and the Pumpkin Painting Tent volunteers.

City of Romulus staff, including the DPW employees and DPW foreman, Nate Davis, as we could not run this event without their hard work. The Romulus Police and Fire Departments for being readily

available for any issues that came up; the Romulus Recreation department for help with the canning and growing contests; the Senior Center for their help with Bingo and Family Fun Night every year; Romulus Community Schools for the use of their fields and for having to deal with the disruption in their bus schedules; the Landing Strip Restaurant for their donation to the Romulus Arts Council's refreshment tent; and Block's Stand & Greenhouses for donating all the decorations downtown and for our games.

Axiom Security for donating six security personnel, for the past three years, to help with the crowd control for the parade of lights. They always make a difference.

In closing, I must mention the 50+ volunteers who work hard all year long to make this event a success. The Festival is truly a community event. Thank you, everyone.

Maria Lambert

Co-Chair, Romulus Pumpkin Festival
Romulus DDA Director

Cemetery Rules Considered

To the Editor:

I would like the public made aware of the Open Study Session – scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2009, in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall – concerning rules and regulations for our cemetery. I was unable to obtain a copy of what the Cemetery Committee will be presenting, but have heard there will be a list of "not allowed" items such as shrubs, shepherd hooks, small items, etc.

Mark your calendar to attend and/or notify your Council representatives of your concerns.

Sandra Crout
Romulus □

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Mayor Alan R. Lambert (left) and Romulus Deputy Chief of Police Michael St. Andre (right) congratulated Officers Ryan Miller and Kelly Fragodt, who were sworn in during a brief ceremony held at City Hall on September 21. Photo by R. E. Kadam

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QUESTION #3 (maintaining current city services despite reduced revenue)

First, we'll have to learn to do more with less. That being said, we start cutting from the top (management salaries and expendable management positions) and eliminate unnecessary expenditures and projects, such as golf course renovations, replacing carpeting in City Hall, purchasing vehicles, and taking land off the tax rolls. These have little impact on the overall scope of the city's interests and have no long-term sustainability in tough economic times. Then we'll make an assessment of our needs and, from that point, we'll begin our budget plan.

More importantly, we must develop ways to increase tax revenue without raising taxes. That means increasing our tax base — more homeowners and more businesses. Currently, we are losing in those markets; there are still homes being bought and businesses looking for a place to call home. Why not Taylor? We've been taxing people out of Taylor for years. As mayor, I'll create a sound fiscal policy and tax structure that will preserve our current base and attract new investors to our city. I'll provide the maintenance and improvements to all of our existing neighborhoods and embrace their viability in this tough housing market. By advancing our tax base in our existing neighborhoods, we'll be able to maintain city services.

QUESTION #4 (next major project)

This city's next major improvement should be the revitalization of our schools. Now, there will be a lot of argument surrounding this one, but investment into the infrastructure of our schools is long overdue. We have not had any major school investment in this city in over 30 years. Why? Simple: Residents have been tapped out by the City. In the time since we've seen a new school building in this city, Taylor has managed to build a city hall, two court-houses, two golf courses, three fire stations, a police station, a DPW building, a sports-plex, a petting farm, a senior center, and numerous parks. These are great facilities; you won't get any argument from me there. But, why do they all take precedence over the education of our community's children?

As mayor, I'll lead the way to a better overall community structure. I will find a way to put money back into the pockets of our taxpayers so they can afford to invest in their schools. Then I want to use the tools a city has for redevelopment, like Brownfield plans, to promote a complete revitalization of our schools. If we can tie that together with the education and energy-efficiency programs that the current Washington administration is pushing, I know we can get it done.

QUESTION #5 (best person for the job)

I could talk about education, understanding how governments operate, or this being some lifelong dream, but it isn't about that at all. It's about the people of Taylor, my family, my neighbors, and the gentleman who walked into my campaign office

for the first time, who I had never met, who has been around twice as long as I have, and who told me his story, shook my hand, and thanked me for running. It's about my parents, who paid taxes in this city for 40 years. It's about being willing to do the job for the taxpayers of this community. That's what I am willing to do. I know I am capable of doing it and, for four years on City Council, I've backed it up with action. Since taking office, I have not supported budgets that were not balanced, and proposed a budget in 2007. In 2008, I initiated an ordinance amendment to eliminate part-time elected officials from healthcare perks. (I could only get enough support to eliminate future part-timers.) That's what makes me the best person for this job. I have no personal agenda here; I want to go to work to make this city an even better place to live.

I am the best person for the job because I am willing to step up and provide the leadership to face the economic challenges that are staring us down and to do it with fiscal responsibility. I am the best person for the job because I have a vision for Taylor's future that involves quality city services, safe neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and a top-notch school system — all at a price that we can afford. I am the best person for the job because I want to move Taylor in a new direction, away from the politics of the past and into a future that is good for the residents of Taylor. It's time for a new direction.

Cameron G. Priebe

Age: 58

Education: graduate of Harvard University Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government (awarded a Taubman Fellowship); attended Madonna College, Wayne County Community College, and Monroe County Community College; received a certificate for completion of the Economic Development Practitioners and Advanced Practitioners' curriculum; graduated from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Leadership Skills Management Program (2000); Advanced Crime Prevention Through Environment Design Practitioners Program (2007); graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Taylor

Occupation: Mayor, City of Taylor — November 8, 2005 to present

Military Service: N/A

Community service performed in the past 12 months: worked with Little League, Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry, United Way, State Boundary Commission, and Greater Wayne Economic Development Corporation; served as a member of the Wayne County Community College District Performing Arts Board; met with pastors; read to school children and spoke to them

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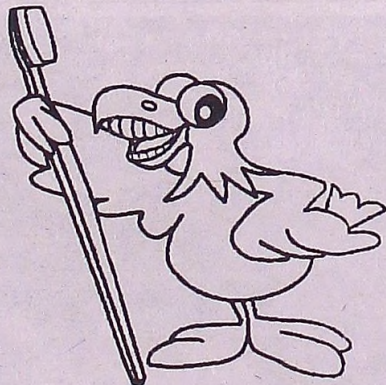
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Number of years as a Taylor

resident: 58 (lifelong)

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QUESTION #1 (top priority)

In these challenging times in local communities and Michigan, the key issue is sound fiscal management. Over the last four years, we have made significant reductions in the city. We've made tough cuts across the board. We've reduced management jobs, saved money through "green" technology, and reduced everywhere we can, from city vehicles, cell phones ... We've looked at every single aspect we can to reduce finances without reducing services. We've tried to stay ahead of the impending reductions that we know are coming soon, both in state revenue sharing and tax revenues. We will continue to reduce wherever we can while trying to maintain services because it's imperative for local governments to survive while providing services to residents, even in difficult times. We can't raise taxes; I've reduced taxes 13 times. I will continue to promote sound fiscal management through our residents, strong department heads, our other city elected officials, and intergovernmental agencies.

QUESTION #2 (budget cuts)

In an effort to maintain the best city services possible, the pain should be shared equally between all city departments. City department heads have been reduced by 44% over the last four years and have taken the largest hits. Our department heads are well qualified, and are performing and managing at the highest level. Yet, our administrative staff has faced the greatest reductions. Moving forward, we all need to work together creatively – each and every department – to provide services at all levels.

Each and every department in the city has a particular function. We need the roads plowed, we need the parks maintained, and we need to provide safe water to residents. Whether it's someone requesting a building permit or needing a police report from an accident, we need to provide the best services possible. Any service less than what we're providing today is unacceptable, and we must work together to use all the skills and talents we have in the city in all of the departments to find a way to make Taylor better.

QUESTION #3 (maintaining current city services despite reduced revenue)

The key factors include strong management, continuing to attract better talent, having our employees better trained in public safety and other areas, utilizing federal

and state grants, and having our workforce do even more than they're doing now. Also significant will be collaborating with other local governments to get the best bang for the buck, such as working with the Downriver Community Conference on purchasing. It's going to take all of us in government to work together to make a better Taylor, better region, and better state of Michigan.

QUESTION #4 (next major project)

The most important thing is to embrace cost-effective green technology and continue to protect our natural resources in an earth-friendly manner for the future of our children and grandchildren. Whether it be roads, buildings, or infrastructure, we'll do it all with green technology in mind. We must continue to build a better Taylor, whether it is parks, sewers, or vehicle purchases. With cost-effective technology, we'll be ahead of the curve financially. We have received several energy grants and have already had much success in green technology. We put new, energy-efficient roofs on buildings and dialed down to save hundreds of thousands of dollars, just to mention a couple efforts. I was the first Wayne County mayor to sign the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, and was honored to accept the first Greening Downriver award from the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce. We have been named the Clean City of The Year through our use of alternative-fuel vehicles. Our golf courses were created to preserve green space, solve flooding, and provide recreation. We are the first city to recycle our asphalt. We are in the process of studying wind energy. We need to continue what we've started.

QUESTION #5 (best person for the job)

In these most critical times, experience matters most. I have been elected Mayor of Taylor seven times. I have managed the city, balancing Taylor's budget 20 times. I have cut taxes 13 times. We have built parks, we have paved roads, we have built quality city facilities, and we have improved the city's image. We provide outstanding services for our growing senior population, and have the best parks and recreation programs for our children and families. We attracted new jobs and businesses, and we took on special interests. We stopped unnecessary multi-family residential development and we preserved green space. We have embraced green technology and have saved the city hundreds of thousands of dollars. I am experienced as a former police officer, a former city council chairman, and a former assistant Wayne County executive. I led the charge to redevelop Southwest Taylor. If there's a problem, we have the talent, skill set, experience, and tools to solve it. As a lifetime Taylor resident, I will always represent the best interest of Taylor residents. □

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Rivalry Benefits Michigan Humane Society and Breast Cancer Research



Employees of Public Service Credit Union showed their true colors the day before the big football game between Michigan and Michigan State. Center is Angel Seta, wearing the Team Tiffany shirt created for one of PSCU's employees who lost her battle with breast cancer in March of this year.

Michigan State University may have won its football contest against the University of Michigan on October 3, but it was the Wolverines who came out on top at Public Service Credit Union, located at 7665 Merriman Road in Romulus.

"Two local charities went head to head today in a competition for a credit union donation, and the winner was determined by Public Service Credit Union employee loyalty to either Michigan or Michigan State," explained Dean Trudeau, president and CEO of PSCU. "The employees of PSCU were invited to wear either Michigan or Michigan State shirts on Friday, the day before the big game between the two

cross-state rivals. If Michigan State had more employee support, the credit union was to make a \$200 donation to Gleaners Community Food Bank. If University of Michigan garnered more employee support, the credit union would send the \$200 donation to Michigan Humane Society."

The big winner turned out to be the Michigan Humane Society. Since October 2 also happened to be the annual Lee Denim Day for Breast Cancer research, the same employees all wore jeans and donated \$5 to go toward that charity.

Trudeau said charitable donations and involvement are nothing new to the employees and members of PSCU. Through-

out the year, employees are given opportunities to give a \$5 donation in exchange for wearing jeans to work, or to become involved in weekend charity walks on the PSCU Caring Team.

In the past PSCU has been involved in Relay For Life, Making Strides, Memory Walk, Lee Denim Day, Out of the Darkness, HeadStart, Salvation Army, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Firefighter's Fill The Boot campaign, Goodfellows, SHARE, and Gilda's Club events.

This year, the focus has been on helping find a cure for breast cancer, since one of their own employees succumbed to this terrible disease at the tender age of only 28. PSCU also has been involved with Adopt A Family around the holidays, delivering food and gifts to many area families who are struggling.

This year alone, the employees and members of PSCU have donated more than \$10,000 to local charities.

"Even in a time of such economic hardships, the Public Service Credit Union fam-

ily find ways to reach out and help our Metro Detroit neighbors," said Trudeau. "It shows that our employees and members know the meaning of the credit union philosophy of 'People Helping People,' and will demonstrate that in any way they can." □

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Romulus Schools Employees Honored

The Romulus Community Schools began the 2009-2010 school year with a ceremony recognizing employees who had reached career service milestones. They were:

35 Years

Patricia Adams and Carol Gursky.

30 Years

Carole Bales, Mark Fernandez, Alberta Garrett, Deborah Street, Gloria Tipton, and Joyce Weber.

25 Years

Nellie Chadwick, Carol Harrieff, Linda Poirier, Rose Russenberger, Mary Slawinski, Morris Smith, and Paula Smith.

20 Years

Ronald Koester, Patricia Locklear, and Sandra Tenney.

15 Years

Nancy Daniels, Kathy Hurst, Pamela

Kuderik, Patrick Malloy, Kimberly Meyer, and Karen Zilka.

10 Years

Gerilyn Baty, Denise Bills, Lisa Binder, Barbara Burtch, Kay Camilleri, Kevin Cook, Erika Daman, Debra DeLeon, Carrie Dygert, Kathleen Forrest, Thomas Gibb-Randall, Dale Gotts, Michael Hansen, Keisa Haynes, Marilyn Hidenfelter, Michelle Hill, Sharon Howie, Meredith Hughey, Jane Johnston, Julie Jordan, Matthew Kapala, Kellee Kubany, Jeffrey Legg, Jeffrey Leucht, Tiffany Markavich, Marjie McAnally, Dakewah McCord, Socrates McCraight, Leslie McCurdy, Lisa Nastal, Selassica O'Flynn, Christopher Parker, Tina Perkins-Smith, Scott Roark, Debra Roberts, Donna Small, Heather Williams, Debra Wilson, and Linda Youtsey. □

RMS Hosts Alcohol Intervention Program

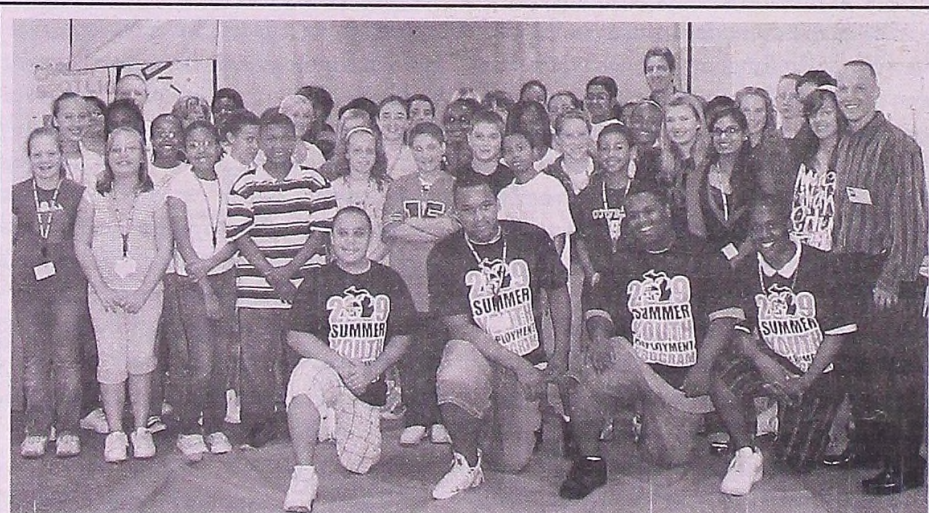
More than 55 students attended Romulus Middle School's five-week Summer Youth Alcohol Intervention Program. The students developed pamphlets and posters on alcohol prevention, as well as a video that will be sent to community youth organizations and school-related groups. The video can also be seen on the District's cable channel.

Betty Santo, one of the program's organizers, said the program was a big success. It gave students an opportunity to learn about making videos, taking and editing pictures, designing logos, and creating informational media while also addressing a

serious problem affecting their peers.

"Students will reach out to the community with their related message on alcohol," said Santo. "We want parents to know what their child is drinking. Our hope is that parents, students, and community members will respect the laws surrounding the legal age when an adult can consume alcohol. Take pride in our community, and learn how we can help others make good decisions and choices."

Santo thanked staff members Molly McGlynn, Shanda Theis, and Steve Grunick for helping to make the program both fun and educational. □



Romulus Middle School's recent Youth Alcohol Intervention Program was both fun and educational.



Romulus Community Schools staff members Carol Gursky and Patricia Adams (third and fifth from left, respectively) were congratulated for 35 years of service by superintendent Carl J. Weiss (right) and Board of Education members (from left) Cheryl Buckley, Sandra Crout, Danielle Funderburg, Robert McLachlan, Celeste Roscoe, and Kenneth Mientkiewicz.

General Election
November 3, 2009

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Around Romulus



(Adults in back, from left) Principal Karensa Smith welcomed Wayne County Executive Assistant Jakleen Ochalek, Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, and Romulus City Councilman John Barden to Merriman Elementary School for a presentation of backpacks donated by County Executive Robert Ficano.



Romulus firefighters made safety lessons fun for kids who attended open house programs at Station #2 (pictured) and Station #4. The October 4 program kicked off National Fire Prevention Week.



The Boys & Girls Club of Romulus, with sites at Merriman and Wick elementary schools, has honored City Councilman LeRoy Burcroff for his long dedication to the members and families of the community. Burcroff, the current Advisory Council chairman, has been associated with the club since it opened in 1998. Among those congratulating Burcroff during an award presentation at the October 5 Council meeting was Mayor Alan Lambert, who says Burcroff loves to make the kids smile, and is always willing to dedicate his time to make sure they come first. Pictured (from left) are: Jill Covell, Shannon DeFoe, Ronda Luttman, Erin Bragg, Ashley Luttman, Lambert, Burcroff, Shannel DeFoe, Pat Flodin, Jalen Robinson, and John Juriga. Photos by R. E. Kadau

MAYOR LAMBERT SETS THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Dear Romulus Residents:

My opponent is making false claims about my record. I'm pleased to provide you with factual information – all of which is public record. Please take a moment to review the facts:

False Claim #1 – “Lambert’s failed leadership has cost Romulus jobs and millions of dollars” – “Lambert has done nothing to get our fair share of tax revenues from the airport.”

FACT: I have a proven record of accomplishments which protect the taxpayers:

- Received millions in federal and state grants, including the recent federal grant to allow us to hire 3 more police officers
- No reduction in city services; absolutely no layoffs
- In 2009, Romulus will receive approximately \$3.5 million in real property taxes and approximately \$1.6 million in personal property taxes from the airport in addition to \$1.5 million from airport parking
- My leadership has brought 2,937 new jobs and 4,942 retained jobs to our community



False Claim #2 – “We lost Visteon to Van Buren”

FACT: Simply put, this was done prior to my taking office.

False Claim #3 – “Non-resident employees of the airport pay less than Romulus taxpayers at the RAC.”

FACT: The RAC is managed by a management company (Rink Management). They did offer Northwest Airlines employees a one-time discount, when more than 100 memberships were purchased at once. When I learned of this, I requested that Rink Management use alternative marketing strategies to assure that Romulus residents get the best deal.

False Claim #4 – “In these tough economic times, Lambert gave 20% wage increases to his political appointees. One makes over \$100,000.00”.

FACT: During my tenure as mayor, there were 3 years my appointees received NO increase. The other 5 years, appointed employees received an average of 3.20% while all other employees received an average of 4.41% increases. None of my appointees make \$100,000 per year – neither do I. The average pay for appointed employees is \$56,781.

False Claim #5 – “No more tax giveaways.”

FACT: Romulus does not give away taxes. The city works with businesses to put together tax incentive packages to attract new investments – which my opponent has consistently supported.

False Claim #6 – “We lost IKEA to Canton.”

FACT: IKEA never considered Romulus as an option due to several demographic factors.

False Claim #7 – “We lost Pinnacle Race Track to Huron Township.”

FACT: “Pinnacle Race Track” received this property, in Huron Township, from Wayne County. Because the track is not within our borders, of course we had no say in where it was located.

False Claim #8 – Mr. Crout states that he, “stood up at a council meeting and made a motion for Pinnacle to pay their fair share of taxes”. He further claims that I was “missing in action and silent”.

FACT: Perhaps my opponent is confused, but again, the project is an agreement between Wayne County and Huron Township, and the Romulus City Council would have no control over it. Mr. Crout’s alleged motion, relative to the track, simply did not happen.

False Claim #9 – My opponent claims the airport has a contract that gives it the right to build a fifth runway if airport traffic increases by 3%.

FACT: There is no such contract.

Neighbors, we don’t have time for dirty tricks and political smear tactics. We need to continue building on the stable foundation that my administration and I have in place to work for the betterment of our community. Thank you for taking the time to read these important facts. I look forward to continuing to serve you. If you have questions, or to share your concerns, please call me at 734-992-3507.

Mayor Alan Lambert



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- Control spending to balance the budget
- Once elected, I will take a pay cut
- Strong religious ties and family values
- Board membership, Michigan Superior Court for Foster Care Review
- Member, Chamber of Commerce
- Spokesperson for National Kidney Foundation
- Treasurer, Cory Elementary PTC
- Member, Romulus Community of Parents Who Care
- Married for 21 years to wife Carmelita
- Father of 4, grandfather of 2



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The current Mayor and Economic Development Director drive city vehicles for personal use. When I am Mayor I will not drive a city vehicle for personal use. No one in my administration will either. If you work for the city you will drive your own vehicle to and from work. The tax payers will no longer be picking up the tab.

My priorities are moving the city forward, developing the property we have in Romulus, bringing shopping, businesses, **jobs for our residents.** We have lost a significant amount of larger businesses to cities that are more willing to keep them in business. As you know having more businesses in the city of Romulus will also help tax payers reduce their taxes. My goal is to lower property taxes and make it more affordable for current and future residents through responsible spending.

I will always have a true open door policy. When a resident is having a problem he/she can discuss it with me. I will never forget as Mayor that ... ***"I will always put the residents first"***.

I am currently a Romulus City Councilman, 42 year UAW member retiree Local #735, married to wife Sandy for 34 years, father of Terri (Randy) Moffat and grandfather of Savannah and Miranda. I served with the US Marine Corps. I support Helping Hands, Chamber of Commerce and Little League Baseball. I am a member of APA and the Belleville Moose.



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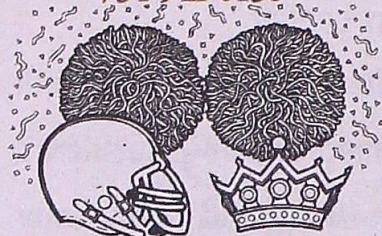
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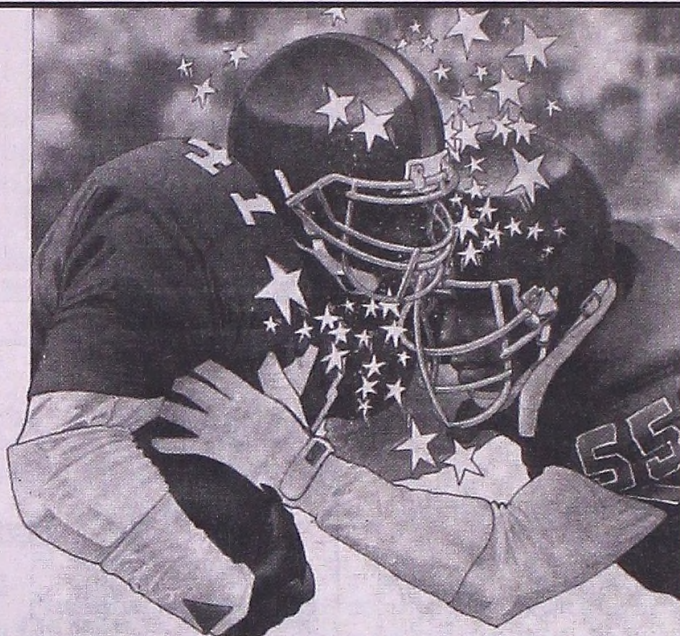


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Taylor Clerk Candidates Share Views

To help voters decide whom they will support in Taylor's general election on November 3, *the little paper* invited candidates for City Clerk to respond to a questionnaire.

Altogether, the candidates were asked for *specific* responses to four questions, and personal data was also solicited to give voters an idea about each candidate's background, experience, and knowledge of/ dedication to the community. The questions were:

1. Everyone understands that a candidate's campaign platform is composed of many planks, but what *single issue* is your *top priority* as you seek election as Clerk of the City of Taylor? Why is it so important to you, and what do you plan to do to promote it, if elected?
2. What services currently provided by the Clerk's office need the most improvement? Do you have plans to expand the level and/or types of services offered? How would you implement these improvements within a reasonable budget?
3. In what ways should the Clerk work with the offices of the Mayor and Treasurer to improve the overall operation of the City?
4. Why are you the *best person* for the job?

To avoid the appearance of giving any one preferential treatment, the responses are arranged alphabetically by last name.

Erin H. Dobbins

Age: 37

Education: Eureka Heights Elementary, Brake Junior High School, Aquinas High School, Wayne County Community College, Wayne State University, Northwood University

Occupation: manager, Taylor Lanes bowling center

Military service: (no response)

Community service performed in the past 12 months: Relay for Life in Taylor, Taylor Rotary Turn Off the Violence, Art in the Park, various youth scholarship events

Number of years as a Taylor resident: 37

Contact information:

734-558-3228

erin_dobbins@hotmail.com

Campaign Web site: prieb-team.com

QUESTION #1 (top priority)

My top priority as the City Clerk will be to provide good service to all of our citizens and businesses. This would include providing all candidates of future elections equal opportunity at the polls as well as expediting requests for information in an efficient manner. Good service is important to me, as it is a value that was instilled by my parents. My mother set a great example for me and taught the importance of accurate, easily referenced records during my 10-year career at her real estate office. My father taught that all people should be treated with equal respect.

QUESTION #2 (improving services)

If elected, I plan to use current technology that would help streamline the Clerk's office and reduce paper waste with respect to all information requests and licensing procedures.

QUESTION #3 (working with mayor/treasurer)

The Clerk should work with the Mayor's and Treasurer's offices to share resources. During a slower period at the Clerk's office, we could assist another department that may need additional help. Communication among co-workers and management is critical on all levels to maintain an efficient and enjoyable workplace.

QUESTION #4 (best person for the job)

I am the best person for the Clerk's job because I am dedicated to serving the people of Taylor. I have traveled all over the country and all over the world. I always enjoy coming home to Taylor. I developed good customer service skills at an early age and truly enjoy working with the public. I hope to bring the benefit my experiences to our city.

Mary Ann Riley

Age: 55

Education: Bishop Foley High School, Oakland Community College, Wayne State University, Michigan Municipal Clerks Institute MSU, Michigan Municipal Clerk's Institute Master's Program, Central Michigan University

Occupation: City Clerk

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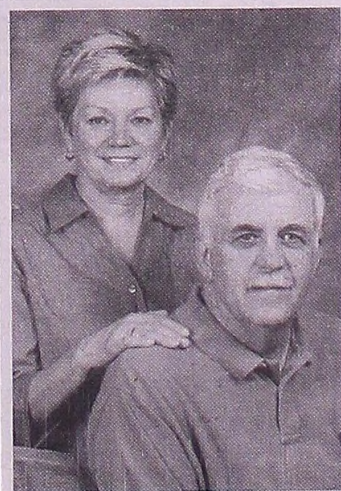
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Dear Romulus Residents,
Thank you for your support during the primary election. There is still more work to be done, but with your continued support and encouragement, we will be successful in November. A special thanks to everyone who helped out at the polls. You're the best!

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Mulka Shares Views with Taylor Voters



Edward G. Mulka

Editor's note: When the little paper mailed all 14 Taylor City Council candidates an invitation to submit a letter to voters last month, candidate Edward G. Mulka did not receive his, so he was not included in our September 25 issue. His letter appears below.

* * *

Dear Citizens of Taylor:

My name is Edward G. Mulka; I am an *independent* candidate for City Council. For people who don't know me, I am a family man, married to Susan Anne, with four lovely children. I am a lifelong resident of the city I value, Taylor. I am a 25-year Taylor business owner, as well as a 2-year Ford

worker at the DTP. I know firsthand the meaning of good values and hard work.

I believe in an open government that places the citizens of Taylor above all special interests. I pledge that I will bring *independence* and *integrity* to Taylor City Hall, and remain accountable to the good people of this community.

We are facing tough challenges in this city, and need ethical, hard-working leaders to meet those challenges. It is important to me that we protect what's important to us all: our public safety, schools, neighborhoods, and senior citizens. We also must work to retain good-paying jobs, and focus on keeping our taxes and spending policies in check. I pledge that I will work hard for the citizens of Taylor.

EXPERIENCE:

- lifelong resident of Taylor – 51 years
- president, Michigan Turf Inc. – 25 years
- CEO of Michigan 4 All Seasons, Inc.
- Ford worker at the DTP – 2 years
- member, Builders Trade Association
- member, Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association
- master gardener
- Truman High School – graduated 1975
- Henry Ford Community College – political science

I ask that you vote for me for City Council on November 3. For more information, visit www.electmulka.com or e-mail me at edmulka@excite.com. □

City of Romulus PUBLIC NOTICE

The Romulus City Council has scheduled a study session to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 49174, on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing adoption of proposed rules and regulations for Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

This is an open meeting.

Linda Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus
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Taylor Clerk Candidates Share Views

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Military service: (no response)

Community service performed in the past 12 months: Taylor Police Citizen's Advisory Committee, Taylor Schools Family Enrichment Fair, Career Days at the Taylor elementary schools, and March Is Reading Month (Taylor Schools)

Number of years as a Taylor resident: 26 years

Contact information:

313-330-3511 or 313-759-8625
rileymaryann@wowway.com

QUESTION #1 (top priority)

During my six years as Taylor's City Clerk, I have implemented many changes that have resulted in improved customer service. As the Secretary of the Association of Wayne County Clerks, I will be working with other clerks throughout the State of Michigan to promote the passage of legislation which would allow for "no reason absentee voting." The demands of our modern society can make voting at the polls on Election Day difficult, if not impossible, for some people. As the chief election officer of our city, I believe that we should make every effort to make the voting process easy and accessible to all registered voters.

QUESTION #2 (improving services)

As in many organizations, we are expected to do more with less without compromising great customer service. With the use of the City's Web site, residents and businesses are now able to download, for their convenience, various forms and applications. As the official "keeper of the records," it is my responsibility to protect and store City records. We have created a record retention library that is designed to make it easier to obtain documents and to stay in compliance with the City's "Record Retention Schedule." Presently, we have a plan to work with our Information Technology Department to scan and digitize our records. Our intention is to reduce the use of paper and utilize the technology that has been provided to us. Included in this plan is the creation and use of paperless agendas.

QUESTION #3 (working w/others)

The City Clerk, Mayor, and Treasurer are all full-time elected officials. The elec-

tors expect that we respect each other's "office" and the responsibilities associated with it. The City Charter defines specifically each elected official's role and responsibilities. The City Clerk, Mayor, and Treasurer each have unique talents, abilities, and perspectives that, when shared, can lead to good decision making and essential communication. Working together demonstrates leadership and creates an atmosphere of trust and cooperation throughout the community. This has always been my philosophy as an elected official. When the leadership of a community shows that they can work out their differences through positive debate and mutual respect, it sets a great example for the employees. It creates an atmosphere where the spirit of cooperation is embraced and valued, and results in a pleasant working environment which ultimately benefits the citizenry.

QUESTION #4 (best person for the job)

I have been involved with my community for over 26 years. I have served the City of Taylor through volunteerism with the Girl Scouts of America, the YWCA of Western Wayne County, the Downriver Recycling Center, the Taylor Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence, the Family Enrichment Fair, the Johnson Elementary PTSA, the Taylor Police Citizens Advisory Committee, the March Against Violence Committee, and through activities in my church. Over the last 17 years, I have served in several appointed positions for the City, such as the Recreation Commission, the Solid Waste committee, the Election Commission, and the Downriver Joint Management Committee. In 1997, I was elected to the Taylor City Council, where I served for 6 years. Over the past 6 years, in my role as the City Clerk, I have successfully administered 17 elections, 2 of which were Presidential Elections. I have introduced the new election equipment to the community and trained well over 200 Election Inspectors. I am the Secretary of the Association of Wayne County Clerks, a position to which I was elected by my peers. I am an accredited Election Official for the State of Michigan. I have the experience, education, and knowledge necessary to perform the duties of the office of the City Clerk. □

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Siblings _____

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Obituary

Jimmie Carroll

Jimmie Carroll of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2009, at the age of 51.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Wednesday, May 14, 1958.

Jimmie, who was employed as an auto repairman, enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers and playing cards and horseshoes.

He is survived by his mother, Helen E. (Shroyer) Carroll (Romulus); a sister, Kathleen Paison (Westland, MI); 2 daughters, Jamie Campbell (Ypsilanti, MI) and Jennifer (Robert) Holsinger (Ypsilanti); a stepson, Jason Hoover (Ypsilanti); and 10

grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased him were his father, William J. "Dusty" Carroll (who passed away on November 23, 2000), and a brother, Douglas W. Carroll (March 23, 1983).

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 6, with Reverend Robert J. White (pastor, Grace Baptist Church) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial tributes to any charitable organization would be appreciated by the family. □

Romulus Park Gets New Rest Rooms



Users of Mary Ann Banks Park at Five Points will be happy to learn that there's a new restroom facility there. According to Kristin Irwin, director of the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, the prefabricated structure, erected on September 24, cost \$50,000, and was paid for with Wayne County Parks millage funds expedited by Commissioner Ed Boike. Other improvements include work on the parking lot between the park and Romulus Wesleyan Church, which began earlier this week. *Photo by R. E. Kadau*

Taylor Festival Celebrates Fall



The City of Taylor's Annual Fall Fest, held October 3, drew hundreds of people for hayrides and other seasonal attractions.

TFD, TPD To Play Softball for Charity



Taylor firefighter Ron Evina (left) and Police Cpl. Jeff Shewchuk are the captains of their respective softball teams, which will compete on Saturday, October 10, to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Cpl. Jeff Shewchuk wasn't happy when the Taylor police softball team lost for the second straight year to the Taylor firefighters team.

But his competitive nature was soothed when he discovered that the money raised from the game for the Make-A-Wish Foundation provided a trip to Florida for a 6-year-old girl battling leukemia.

"She got to go to Florida with the money we raised," Shewchuk said. "I saw photos. It gives you a great feeling when you can actually see where the money went."

The first two Taylor police-firefighter softball games raised about \$5,000. The third annual game is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, at Rotary Park (12211 Telegraph Road, behind the Metro South State Police Post).

The home run derby begins at 6 p.m., followed by a nine-inning softball game at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 each, available in advance at the Taylor Police Station and Midtown Fire Station (Goddard Road, east of City Hall). Donations to Make-A-Wish also are accepted.

The police officers are unbeaten against the firefighters in charity soccer and hockey games, but they're winless in two softball games. The firefighters won 15-11 in 2007. Last year, they won 11-9 with late-inning

heroics.

Both teams play to win. Firefighter Ron Evina said the team in red is filled with experienced softball players who participated in tournaments in leagues.

"We want people to come and have a good time," Evina said. "The firefighters are athletic. Some are still active players. Ultimately, it comes down to we're both competitive and we want to win."

Shewchuk said the police team will do what it takes to win, as well.

"I actually talked to Chief [Dale] Tamsen to see if we can hire Brandon Inge for a couple months," Shewchuk said. "The games were competitive. Hopefully, we can catch some breaks this year and capitalize on them."

Concessions will be available. All of the proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish, which enriches the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

"It's a great charity – a fantastic organization," Evina said. "You're granting a kid a wish."

"The worst part of our job is anything to do with kids – when a kid gets hurt or has to go through some sort of traumatic event," Shewchuk said. "It's awful when you meet a child with a terminal illness. Seeing the money go toward Make-A-Wish makes everybody feel great." □

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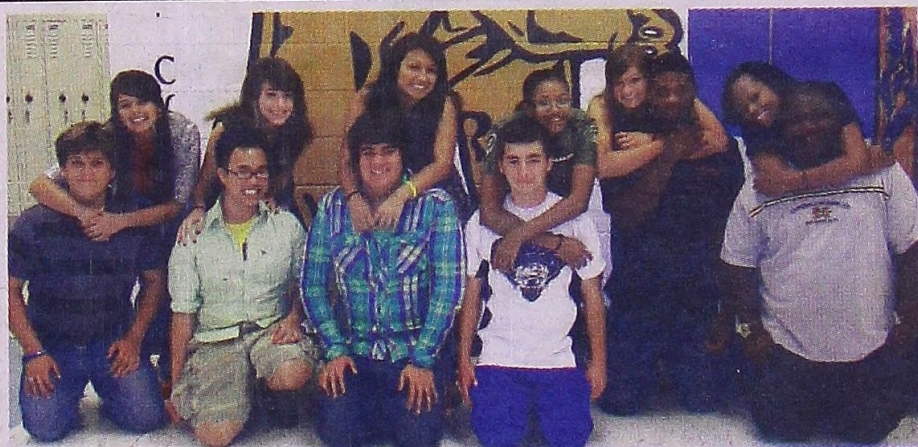
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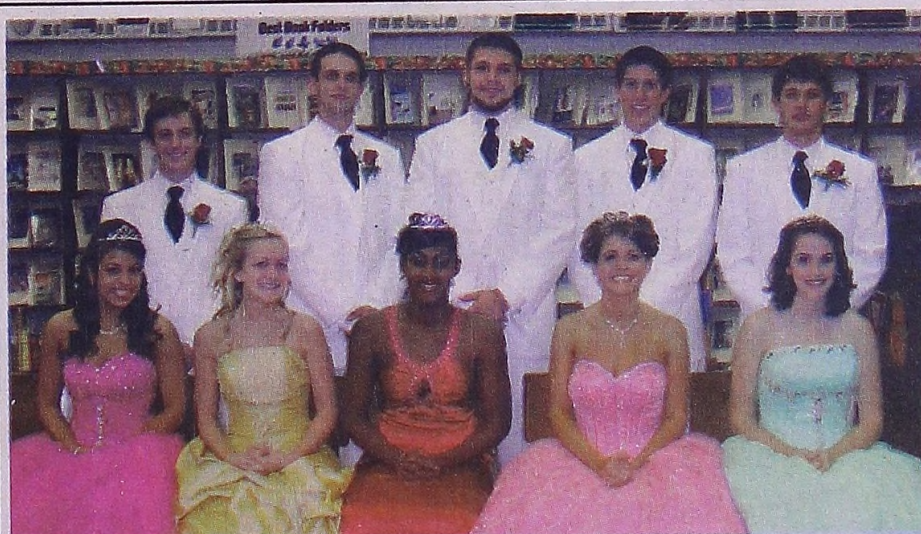


Marine Staff Sgt. Dustin S. Rose of Taylor has been recognized in the Hometown Marine billboard campaign on local freeways. A photograph of Rose – a Truman High School graduate and the son of City of Taylor employee Shannon Rose – appears on billboards on I-94 near Oakwood Boulevard and on I-75 near Schaefer. The Hometown Marine program is designed to highlight commendations Marines have received while engaged in the Global War on Terror. Rose, 26, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat "V" for his heroic achievement while serving as a fire team leader in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II starting April 17, 2004. *Photo by Dave Gorgon/City of Taylor*

Taylor High Schools Choose King, Queen



Homecoming celebrations at Taylor high schools last week included the election of a king, queen, and court. Truman's court members were (from left): front – Andy Cripe, Sonyvu Nquyen, Greg Gardner, Ryan Nickowski, Raphael Sanders (king), and Steven Hall; back – Elizabeth Reyes-Nightingale, Brianne Johnson, Micaela Gutierrez, Jamie Allen (queen), Chelsea Noah, and Porchia Sadler.



Court members at Kennedy were: (from left) front – Brittnei Charge, Stephanie DeShano, Sommer Mayo (queen), Tiffani Vrabel, and Alyssa White; back – Kevin Czarnik, Billy Hunter, Joey Lozon (king), Chris Frasson, and Josh Robbins. *Photo by student Erica Bachran*

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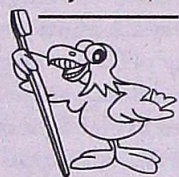
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